

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
RAJYA SABHA  
QUESTION NO 1168  
ANSWERED ON 26.07.2017**

**Open border of India and Nepal**

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Shri Prabhat Jha

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

(a) whether it is a fact that the open border of India and Nepal has been misused by the terrorists and criminals for a long time and it has been a challenge before the Government of India;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that as a result of strict steps taken by the Government of India, situation has improved considerably and cases of misuse of open border of India and Nepal by terrorists and criminals has also been decreased considerably as compared to cases reported earlier; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) to (d): Indo-Nepal border is open, porous and thickly populated. The movement of Indian and Nepalese citizens across the Indo-Nepal border is governed by Indo-Nepal Treaty of Peace and Friendship, 1950, which provides for free movement of citizens of both the countries across the border. To prevent misuse of border by anti-social elements including terrorists/criminals, Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) has been deployed at Indo-

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Nepal Border as a Border Guarding Force. SSB regularly carries out various operational activities like patrolling and laying of nakas along the border. Checking of persons crossing the border is also being carried out both randomly as well as on the basis of specific inputs received from SSB's own sources/sister agencies.

Besides, State Police concerned is also keeping vigil. Issues of security concerns are also addressed through institutional interactions with Nepal on a regular basis. These mechanisms include Home Secretary Level talks, Joint Working Group on Border Management, Director General (Customs) level talks and bilateral consultative group on security issues.

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